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MAXIMUM POINTS TO BE REDUCED TO TEN

New System Proposed Is Similar To Original With Few Changes.

At the meeting of the Institute Committee yesterday, the Point System Committee presented a revised list of points calling for a 10-point system as an alternative for the previous list of 12 points. It was decided to lay the report on the table until the next meeting and to have the complete list as revised published in The Tech. The sentiment of the Institute Committee was in favor of the 10-point system.

The Finance Committee reported the adoption of a uniform voucher check for the use of the different activities. The Red Cross Committee presented its report. Both reports were accepted.

The 1918 Advisory Committee reported the results of their work and made several suggestions as to future committees. It was proposed to have the members elected by the Executive Board of the Sophomore Class and that the appointments should be ratified by the Institute Committee. The Committee also suggested that

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TRACK MEN TO REST

No Work Over Holidays-Freshman Meets Arranged.

The track men are being given a complete rest-up over the holidays. Coach Kanaly says he wants the men to forget all about track during the vacation, but to come back with redoubled energy and enthusiasm to put into the work. The rest-up really began last week as there was no outdoor work Tuesday on account of the condition of the track and no in-door work because the basket-ball team had the gym floor.

After the holidays the freshman team will arrange two meets. One will probably be with Lowell Textile School, although there has been trouble in arranging the date to suit both try again this year. Copies of lyrics teams. There is a possibility of a meet with the Dartmouth freshmen though arrangements are only tentative so far. If this falls through the team will meet either Worcester man, '15. Academy or Exeter.

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE

The result of the elections to the Portfolio Committee of the Senior Class is as follows C. N. Runels, 24; C. W. Wood, 23: W. B. Spencer, 20,

SHOW POSTERS

Preliminary sketches for show posters may be had at the Cage.

BIG PREPARATIONS FOR JUNIOR DINNER

Event Will Take Place On The First Tuesday After School Reopens.

The 1916 class dinner which is to he held on Tuesday evening, January 5th, will be unique among such events. The committee has worked on the details with care and a lively time is guaranteed. A feast of delight is in the making and after this is disposed of, a little varied talk from Dean Burton, Professor Hayward and Mr. Blackstein will add to the interest of the evening. At the conclusion of the speaking an innovation, the like of which has never before been seen or heard of at the Institute, has been arranged. A full-fledged "movie" show complete in detail, will be run. Very few men of the Institute have seen the pictures of the last Technique rush and it will be very appropriate to have this film shown at the dinner. The reel is being traced now and unless the booking office is unsuccessful, the rush will be reviewed at the Union. Other film subjects are to be chosen during the Christmas recess and some suggestions received from members of the class are to be considered. It is not definitely known whether this includes films passed by the National Board of Censorship or The total number provided for is 200 plates, and as officers of the class and members of the different courses are rapidly disposing of their tickets, a crowd is assured. The men who are seeing the good time through are W. J. Farthing, T. F. McSweeney and R. H. White.

MUSIC FOR LYRICS

Meeting Of Men Interested Held Last Monday.

A meeting of the men who are to write music for the Tech Show lyrics was held last Monday afternoon when over twenty-five were present. Most of those who wrote music for last year's show are back and they will were given out and suggestions were made by I. B. McDaniel, '16, author of this year's play, "Getting Across," and also by the stage manager, C. A. Cole-

The competition closes on Monday. Jan. 4th. Music may be left either at the Cage or Show Office. 'Choice of the music for the lyrics will be made by Mr. William Howard, director of the Show, and Mr. Samuel Hume, the Coach.

BANQUET GIVEN

A banquet was given to Professor Henry L. Seaver by the Latin-American students of his English sections last evening at the Westminster.

SUPPLEMENTARY ISSUE OF TODAY'S TECH

Latest Progress Of Buildings At New Site-Don't Go Home Without One.

This issue of The Tech is supplemented by a four-page edition, featuring the New Site exclusively with the latest developments and progress, and with a series of cuts. The supplement will contain, on a separate sheet of heavy coated stock, a panoramic view of the entire site, size three and one-half by twenty inches. The New Site supplement will not accompany the regular issue, nor will it be sold separately. Regular subscribers of The Tech may obtain the supplement for five cents extra, however, by calling at the lower office of The Tech. complete issue may be obtained for ten cents, or one coupon and five cents.

RED CROSS DAY

Seventy-Two Dollars Collected In The Institute. Red Cross Day at the Institute took

place last Monday. There was a box in Rogers corridor and all the drawing rooms and laboratories were canvassed twice during the day. It is estimated that two-thirds of the students were approached personally and there was no stipulated amount asked for, but some of the students emptied their pockets of all small change.

The lowest amount given was two cents, the highest one dollar. It is figured that each student contributed an average of four cents. Fifty-two dollars was collected in the canvass and the Technology Monthly gave twenty dollars, making a total of seventy-two dollars. Because of Tag Day, the T. C. A. Campaign fund, the Winter Concert, and Christmas, all com ing in such a close proximity, the committee feels that the response was very liberal.

WIRELESS SOCIETY

The second meeting of the year of he Wireless Society will be held today at 4.30 p. m. in 11, Engineering B. It has been planned to have the meetings during the coming season take the form of talks on the principles involved and the uses and advantages of the different types of instruments. The speaker at today's meeting will discuss the different detectors in use at the present time, laying particular importance on the theories applied and the advantages and disadvantages of their use. Among the most important of these instruments to be discussed are the Coherer, Magnetic and Electrolytic Detectors, the Thermo Detector and the Fleming Valve. It is hoped that men interested in this study will attend.

"CHRISTMAS CAROL" IS READ BY. PROF. BATES

Large Audience Hears Rendition Of Dickens' Story of Christmas.

Yesterday afternoon at four o'clock Professor Arlo Bates read Dickens' "Christmas Carol" to a large audience in Huntington Hall. Introductory to the reading he spoke a few words in praise of Dickens' writings. He told how they were rich in good spirit and kindly humanity, and how well Dickens conveyed to his readers the impression which he intendby his sympathetic, sincere and humorous way of presenting them.

Dickens himself used to give readings from his own works when he was in America, and some of his books he revised for public reading. It was this briefer version of the "Christmas Carol," so often recited by the great author, that Professor Bates gave to his audience.

SOUTHERN CLUB PARTY

Planned To Take Place During Christmas Vacation.

The Southern Club has planned to give a Christmas party during the bolidays. Quite a number of the Southern boys and girls will spend their vacation in Boston, and if a sufficient number of men are interested, a pleasant evening can be planned. Southerners in Technology are welcome. Those that care to go will please notify John T. Baner, 1325 Commonwealth avenue. Telephone Brighton 22104. Phone, write a card, or leave a note at the Cage.

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The following are the present officers of the M. I. T. Co-operative So-

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The President of the Institute, Exofficio.

Clive W. Lacy, '15, Samuel M. Fox, Jr., '16. Linwood T. Noyes, '17. Paul G. Woodward, '17.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 23, 1914. 4.30 P. M.-Wireless Society Meeting, 11 Eng. B. Thursday, December 24, 1914. Christmas recess begins.

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IN CHARGE OF THIS ISSUE.

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D. Nute, '17; F. A. Stearns, '17; R.
E. McDonald, '17; J. W. Damon, '18.

The Tech takes pleasure in announcing the following elections to the News Staff;

F. A. Birmingham, '18.

D. E. Bell, '17.

J. W. Damon, '18.

K. M. Lane, '17.

B. A. Thresher, '18.

A. H. Wenzel, '17.

And to the Business Staff:

F. H. Wells, '18.

Although the donations to the Red Cross fund were satisfactory to the committee, and were certainly not unreasonable considering the many demands on the student's pocketbook at this time, it still seems that Tech men might have averaged more than four cents apiece for the relief of our stricken fellow-mortals across the water. Let us hope the next Red Cross Day two months hence will see the average raised to a more respectable figure.

As yet only the Junior and Senior lists of paid-up class members are posted in the Union, and even these lists are far from perfect, containing, for example, the names of many men who have left school. Ample time has elapsed for the other classes to have made out their lists, and for all to have been corrected according to the current catalogue.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of The Tech:

It gives me great pleasure to "give a full explanation of the unnecessary blunder" attributed to the committee in charge of the C. E. trip Sunday morning, as requested in Monday's Tech.

First I want to say that the officers of the Society are very sorry that so many missed the car, as it was one of the most interesting trips ever conducted by the Society, but the fact that some did not know the time the car left cannot be blamed on the C. E. Society, its committee nor its officers.

At 10.45 A. M. Saturday morning a telegram was received saying the bridge was to be slid in at 6.10 A. M. instead of 7 A. M. as we were formerlý told. That meant that the car would have to leave at 5.30 at the latest if we wished to see the bridge rolled in. The announcement was made to that effect in Foundations. the only class the Seniors have on Saturday, at 11 o'clock and immediately I personally posted the change in time on the poster and the blackboard in the Union. At the same time (11 o'clock) the time was changed on the posters in Walker and Rogers by one of the committee.

All those who were left at Copley Square may receive their money back from the undersigned. I wish to state that the Society is very sorry that this incident occurred, but it was one of those unavoidable accidents beyond our control.

Sincerely, HOWARD C. THOMAS, Pres. C. E. Society.

To the Editor of The Tech:

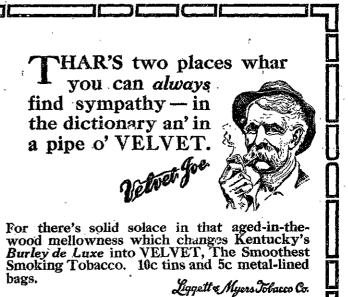
It is quite unnecessary to say, in regard to the occurrences in History lectures mentioned by your recent communicant, that such acts are disgraceful as well as ungentlemanly; since, however, mere protests against such behavior are of little avail, it might be well to take a more energetic stand. If any one member of the

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While all members of the Institute Committee are doubtless familiar with the regular time of meeting, it would do no harm to have meetings posted on the Calendar.

Juniors have received notice that their choice of a general study for the second term is due at the Registrar's office on the second of January. These studies are designed to counteract the narrowing influence of a single line of professional work, and the wise student will choose, not the one he has heard is a "snap" course, but that which will give him the best contrast to his required subjects.

The suggestion made by today's communicant for remedying the disrespect sometimes shown in lectures is a good one, and we hope some earnest members of the classes in question will show the courage of their convictions and put it into effect. Public opinion, when sufficiently aroused to express itself, is an irresistible corrective for such offenses.





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TALK TO ELECTRICALS ON REPORT WRITING

Mr. Blood of Stone & Webster Speaks Of The Habit Of Observation.

At the meeting of the Electrical Engineering Society last night in the Union, about 90 men listened to a talk by Mr. Blood on Examinations and Reports. Mr. Blood is a graduate of the Institute in the class of 1888, and is employed by the Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation to look up plants to consider their value. In this line he has had a very wide experience, and has travelled extensively in this country.

Mr. Blood began his talk by giving the men an examination; he uncovered an exhibit of common mechanical and household goods on a blackboard for thirty seconds; and then asked the men to tell the dimensions of the board, the material and color of the mount; and to state whether the mount bore any distinguishing marks, and if so what, and to give a list of the objects on the mount. The examinations were handed in at the close of the speech. Out of twentyfive objects on the mount, the man who saw the most saw sixteen; the two next were thirteen each. Mr. Blood then said that most people are not good observers but that the habit of observation improves greatly with practice. He asked how many knew how many steps there are on a passenger coach; or whether the even numbers are on the south or north side of Boylston Street. Such trivial matters are often of the greatest importance in law-suits, he said, and gave a number of instances. In one case an electric light company was charged with corroding the water pipes by electrolysis by an alternating current; but in the course of the investigation it was shown that the corrosion was started by little pockets on the inside of the pipes, so that the trouble was due really to defects in the manufacture. Again, in a fire the inspector saw that the flames had gone up the wall to an electric light switch, and concluded that the fire had started there; but Mr. Blood showed that the fire had started three feet below. He said that ninety-nine people out of a hundred think that they see a ball of fire as a lightening discharge, but this is an hallucination. Lieutenant Peary reported that he had discovered "Crocker Land" but a second party failed to find it. In another case a committee was appraising a plant down to merest details such as ink stands, but forgot \$960,000 worth of steam pipe. He advised the men to save their papers of estimation and said that when he started out he kept a book with the left hand page for calculations and the right hand side for estimation. The education at the Institute will not make men experts, expertness comes only from years of experience, and they must expect to work hard. The ability to co-ordinate information is less readily secured than the habit of correct observation. He spoke very highly of the course in Precision of Measurements and said that few men not technical graduates have any appre-

CONCERT AND DANCE TO BE GIVEN SOON

Clubs Will Combine Musical With Institute Committee In The Affair.

The Combined Musical Clubs and the Institute Committee will unite on January 8, 1915, in order to give a concert and dance at popular prices. This concert will be held in Huntington Hall while the dance will be at the Union, where both the upstairs and downstairs rooms will be used.

The object of the affairs is twofold. In the first place it is desired to raise money to help defray the excenses of the Musical Clubs' mid-vear trip and of the Technology activities in general. Secondly, the Musical Clubs wish to give the student body a chance to become better acquainted with this activity.

All the money taken in from the concert will go to the Musical Clubs and all the money taken in for the dance is to be used by the Institute Committee for general purposes.

There will be two kinds of tickets: those for the concert alone, and those for both the concert and the dance. Concert tickets will be only twentylive cents, while the tickets for both are to be seventy-five cents. Each kind of tickets will go on sale the lay after the Christmas recess.

The men who are going on the Portsmouth trip must be at the North Station at a quarter of five on Thursday, Dec. 31st.

ciation of "significant figures," and 'weighted means" and quoted several examples.

Mr. Blood next turned his attention to reports and said that every man should spend a little time "setting and thinking" before writing a report. A skeleton is very helpful in planning the work. A report should always contain a summary and recommendations, preferably at the first. The man who reads the report is generally very busy and not technically trained, so that he will not read the report clear through. He paraphrased the saying "Brevity is the soul of wit" to read "Brevity is the soul of a good report." In addition a report should be dignified and interesting should command respect. Men should remember that few people know what even a kilo-watt hour is and that it is surprising how few electrical and mechanical terms the layman knows. Moreover, most people fail to understand charts.

In regard to the final execution the report should look businesslike and while one should not try to get out a picture book no sloppy work should be allowed. A most necessary feature is a usable index. Photographs may well be included but should be mounted so as not to curl. Among the difficulties met are the facts that no two problems are the same and the engineer can't find the answer in the back of the book, nor except rarely, check his own work. He concluded by reading a poem "What's the Use" which illustrated the point that the chief thing in life is the satisfaction of having done your work as well as you can,

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POINT SYSTEM (Continued from Page One)

the appointments be made in December rather than in May as was done last year. This was found necessary in the case of the football manager, for the schedule has to be made out during the winter. If the manager is not elected until May he does not have a chance to arrange a satisfactory schedule. The matter was re ferred to the committee on changing the Undergraduate Constitution consisting of the four class presidents.

The following members were absent: H. L. Leeb, '15; H. P. Sabin, '15; T. F. Spera, '15, and O. C. Lo-

The Point System as revised is here given:

Class A.-10 Points. Pres. Senior Class General Manager Tech Show Editor-in-Chief Technique General Manager The Tech Pres. M. I. T. A. A. (if Captain of Track Team)

Manager Track Team (if member of Advisory Council) General Manager Musical Clubs

Class B.—9 Points. President Junior Class Editor-in-chief The Tech Managing Editor The Tech Manager The Track Team

Business Manager Technique Business Manager Tech Show Advertising Manager Tech Show Stage Manager Tech Show Treasurer Tech Show

Managing Editor Technology Monthly

Chairman Union House Committee Business Manager Technology Monthly

Editor-in-Chief Technology Monthly Advertising Manager The Tech Circulation Manager The Tech Technique Board

Assistant General Manager Musical

Stage Director Tech Show Secretary-Treasurer Institute Committee

Class D.-7 Points.

Feature Editor Technology Monthly President Sophomore Class President T. C. A.

News Board The Tech Junior Prom Committee

Manager Tech Orchestra Assistant Business Managers Tech Show

Assistant Stage Manager Tech Show (second term)

Executive Committee of Institute

Committee

Treasurer The Tech Class E.—6 Points.

Senior Portfolio Committee

Advertising Manager Technology Monthly Circulation Manager Technology

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Class F.-5 Points.

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'Monthly Assistant Managing Editor Technology Monthly

Members Institute Committee

Members Track Team

Assistant Manager Track Team Chorus Tech Show

Members Boat Club

Members Cross-Country, Hockey, Basketball, Swimming, and Gym. Teams

Members Musical Clubs and Orchestra (first term)

Candidates for Assistant General Manager Musical Clubs

Members and Candidates for Editorial Staff The Tech

Class G .- 4 Points.

Members Business Staff Technology Monthly

Treasurers four Classes

Treasurer T. C. A. Manager Wrestling and Class

Teams Members Musical Clubs and Orchestra (second term)

Assistant Managers Hockey, Basketball, Gym., and Swimming Teams

Members and Candidates Business Staff The Tech

Assistant Treasurer The Tech (Treasurer M. I. T. A. A.) or 3 points

Class H.-3 Points.

Members Editorial Staff Technology Monthly

(Treasurer M. I. T. A. A.)

Members Athletic Advisory Council

Class Teams

Wrestling Team

Manager Tennis Team Class I.—2 Points.

Sec.-Treas. all Professional Societies and Clubs

Pres. all Clubs and non-Profession-

al Societies

Members M. I. T. A. A. Tennis Team

Secretary M. I. T. A. A.

Class J.—1 Point.

Vice-President four Classes Executive Committee or Directors' Classes

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Vice-President M. I. T. A. A.

Vice-President Musical Clubs Secretary Musical Clubs

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Other officers all Clubs and Socie ties not mentioned elsewhere Officers of Co-op. Society

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Sincerely.

E. J. G., '16.

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At the meeting of the cross-country team Monday, Henry S. Benson of Dedham was elected captain for 1915. Benson has been a member of the team for three years, doing his best running as a freshman when he took sixth in the New England Intercollegiates and when he won the freshman intercollegiates at Andover with a lead of three hundred yards over Humphreys of Penn.

Benson last year was the best miler on the track team, running consistently around the 4.30 mark, and taking third in that event at the New England Intercollegiates.

His work this fall has not been quite up to his usual standard owing to the fact that he has been carrying a heavy schedule, but he ran a strong race at New Haven, finishing eighteenth in the big intercollegiate run. With Captain Cook, the only man to graduate, Benson will have a squad of veterans out, and should produce the strongest team which has ever represented the Institute.

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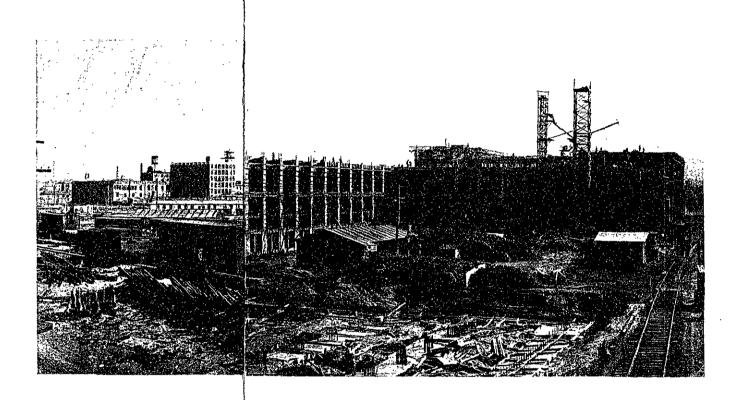
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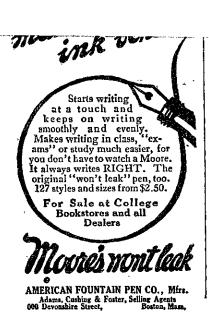
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pleted the sixth year of his administration as the head of the Institute. Born in Edinburgh in 1870, his early boyhood was spent in New Zealand, returning to England in time to complete his preparatory education for the University of Cambridge, which he entered in 1892, holding a foundation scholarship in St. John's College. Dr. Maclaurin took both the Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Arts from Cambridge, the thesis work for the latter being the most advanced mathematics. Upon his graduation he received the Smith Prize for excellence and was elected a Fellow of St. John's College.

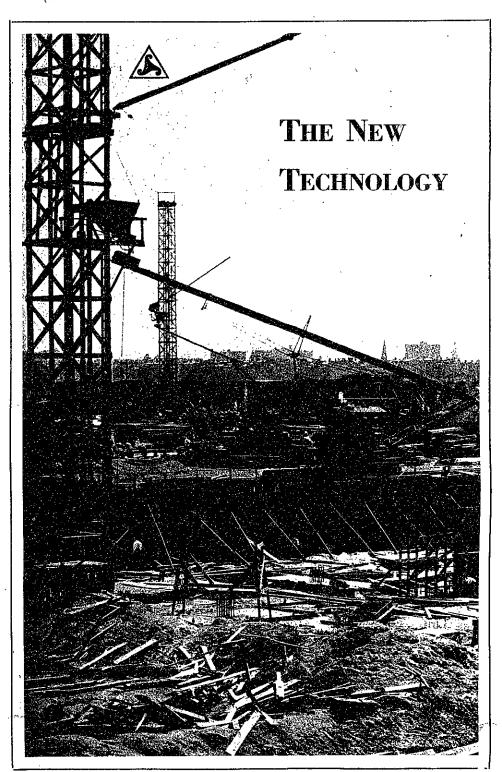
During 1896 and 1897, Dr. Maclaurin spent ten months visiting educational institutions on this side of the Atlantic, the greater part of the time being given to a study of McGill, the University of Toronto, and Leland Stanford University. Upon his return to England he re-entered Cambridge, this time to study law, and was awarded the McMahon Law Studentship, the most valued of its kind in the University.

In 1898 Dr. Maclaurin was appointed Professor of Mathematics in the University of New Zealand and during the same year received the degree of Doctor of Science from Cambridge. He became a trustee of the University of New Zealand and took an active part in the organziation of technical education in the colony. In 1903 he was elected Dean of the Faculty of Law and held this office four years, until in 1907 he was invited to take the chair of Mathematical Physics in Columbia University, in New York. A year later Columbia made him the head of the Department of Physics. In 1904 he was honored by Cambridge with the degree of Doctor of Laws for his many achieve-

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Designer Of New Technology Has Had Wide Training And Experience.

The admirable plan of the New Technology is a striking tribute to the architectural genius of William Welles Bosworth, of New York, its

chief architect. Mr. Bosworth studied at the Institute for three years, being affiliated with the Class of 1889. After leaving Technology, he entered the office of H. H. Richardson, where he remained for a year and a half. He left this office to become associated with Mr. Olmsted in landscape work in California. Later he was on the staff of the "American Architect" and made extensive studies of European architecture.

In 1896, he went abroad to supplement his American architectural training with study in the best schools in Europe. He worked in London under Alma Tadema, and then went to Paris, to the ateliers of Godefroy Freynet, Gaston Reden, and Chaussemiche, now the architect of Versailles and le Trianon. He visited Holland and Rome before his return to America.

Mr. Bosworth was next appointed Resident Architect of the Pan-American Exposition, on the plans of which he had already spent some time. He also designed several buildings for the St. Louis Exposition. After going abroad again, this time to Spain, Mr. Bosworth opened an office for himself in New York.

For several years Mr. Bosworth then designed gardens, residences, and other buildings for private owners: the famous Rockefeller gardens at Pocantico Hills are typical examples. It was during this period that he gained his great reputation for the power of getting fine effects by simplest means.

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lies in the convenience to students and the saving of time and steps by bringing the classrooms nearer together. This grouping also lends itself admirably to the expansion and development of the different departments. The growth of these is independent one of another and no one can foretell what the future win bring forth; for example the small departments of twenty-five years ago now demand large spaces and elaborate equipments.

From the very outset the alumni have generously given their time and money in order that the new Institute should be of the best. Mr. John R. Freeman, '76, spent one entire summer considering engineering problems and making researches into the conditions, equipment, and fitness for the purpose of educational buildings. He went carefully into every detail of construction for the buildings and suggested the single structure.

Another alumnus, Professor William O. Crosby devoted much time to the consideration of the soil for foundations, ascertaining the nature of the subsoils on the tract of land. Many borings including eighty by Professor Crosby and one hundred by Stone & Webster were made, beside tests by means of heavy loads, to determine the co-efficient of sinking unders weight.

The architect chosen for this great undertaking was William Welles Bosworth, '89, who was the third of the alumni to perform important work. Much aid and advice was given by Professor James Knox Taylor, former head of the Architectural Department The planning of fifteen acres of buildings has been no easy task for the architect and his assistants, but through it all the efficiency of the system has not been overlooked.

The alumni of Technology are also in evidence in the actual work of construction. A great deal of grading was necessary, which has been under the care of John T. Scully, '00, the head of a Cambridge corporation. The buildings are being built by the Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation, composed chiefly of Technology men, six out of the seven principal men being Institute graduates, all of whom are working for the best interests of the new Technology. The corporation is spending thousands of dollars from its own treasury in order to make the entire project efficient from every standpoint.

The first official pouring of concrete

took place on April 9, 1914. and since then work on the erection of the buildings has progresseđ rapidly. Changes in the scope of work the necessitating some revisions in the architect's plans delayed

middle of July the revised plans were approved and since that time, construction has rapidly advanced. Excavation has been completed and with the exception of the library, where work is now under way, pile driving has been finished. In the nice driving, 25,000 piles were used so as to insure a solid foundation. In the excavating a force of 900 men removed 65,000 cubic yards of earth. All the earth has been used in filling, and in addition, 40,000 yards have been brought to the lot from the subway excava-

There are six independent construc-

tion gangs at work, each with its administration, engineers. workmen, trestles, and pits, runs, and concrete towers. Each has its own headquarters, stock house, telephone, and equipment. There is a first aid station so that in case of injury, the workmen can receive prompt atten-

In order to handle the material in the most efficient manner, over a mile of track has been laid, including five railway tracks and a short spur to remain until the buildings are completed, with 720 feet of trestle, B. & A. standard. In this way the stock can be delivered wherever desired. The trestles are over the sand and

> gravel bins. thus concentrating the means for getting the aggregate or mixtures . of material in the concrete. The company has its own ocomotive which does not leave the grounds. There is also

progress in the early summer. By the | a full sized self-propelling railway crane which transfers the heavy items of equipment, like concrete mixers, without difficulty or delay.

The fire protection system includes a half mile of water pipe with 25 outlets which was laid at the very beginning. Seventeen of the outlets are provided with regulation fire holes so that in case of blaze, it could be attacked by means of a hose immediately. A dozen other outlets are used for mechanical purposes. There rent and telephone. A mile of wire fence incloses the lot that is reserved for the present building operations.

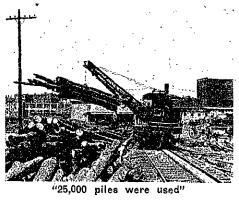
The contractors have arranged a timetable which is as definite as a railroad timetable and in which every detail is considered. Hundreds of plans and thousands of blueprints have had definite dates set for their delivery to the engineers.

The methods of handling are the most efficient possible. Thousands of carloads of stock must be so delivered that the work shall not be delayed. This necessitates a correlation between the supervising engineers, architect, engineering forces, firms furnishing stock, and heads of the gangs engaged in each unit of work. It is possible for the engineers to tell when a certain scoop of cement was poured, as there is a device which automatically records each. The concrete forms are used on an average of two and one-half times.

In concrete buildings a modern engineering problem arises of foreseeing ever thing at the time the plans are made. In building with wooden floors, holes for stairs, etc., are determined in the beginning, but the plumber, steamfitter, and electrician come in their time and cut holes where desired for each particular branch of work. In concrete building, however, holes cannot be cut so easily and so in going over the buildings in their present condition, the floors will be found sprinkled with holes for pipes of the different services, the exact run of each having previously been determined in the offices.

Over 60,000 square feet of forms have been erected and thousands of tons of reinforcing steel placed, with many more cut and bent, ready for placing. The illustration gives a slight idea where the 36,800 tons steel reinforcement are being used in the buildings. The only machine in the East for bending the reinforcing steel is used on the grounds. The steel reinforcements are delivered in 60-

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are also several miles of wire for cur-

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foot lengths and up to one inch are bent in the machine. The larger sizes are bent by hand on a steel bed. The delivery of the steel is by means of runs which work under the action of gravity. Each kind as it slides down the run drops into its own particular bin and the bars are pulled out from the bins by a winch and then worked on a bending table.

The general plan shows by the shaded portion the buildings now under construction. Of these, the roots are on as far as 9 and 10 and these will soon be roofed over. Over 40,000 cubic yards of concrete have gone into the walls and roof. The concrete work is about completed and several of tne buildings have received a facing of limestone. The moving of the Courses will probably be a matter of convenience to the individual departments and it is expected that several will be in their new quarters by next fall. The dedication of the new buildings will undoubtedly not take place until sometime during 1916.

PRESIDENT MACLAURIN

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forth by announcements of substan tial aid to it and its departments. Without a head since the resignation of Dr. Pritchett, the Institute had been unable to discuss important questions. One of these was the manifest impossibility of continuing its work in its present quarters if the full plans of its founders were to be carried out. Technology was then moving under shortened sail till the real captain should come aboard.

Dr. Maclaurin unified the Corpora tion and the Faculty and with his personality, gained the confidence of the alumni and bound them as never before into a great force working for Rogers.

the benefit of the Institute. One of the first fruits of this was the gift by T. Coleman du Pont of half a million towards the purchase of a new site. Here there came an almost unnoticed bit of Institute patriotism for when the payment was to be made for the Cambridge land the Corporation without any fuss or advertisement made up the necessary quart-

er million and paid down the cash. Following up the idea that it was proper to ask the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to continue its aid to Technology, President Maclaurin and the alumni took up this matter, and the signing of the bill by Governor Foss following the du Pont gift came as an assurance of the future. When the site question was settled the quest of sufficient money to start construction began. In the midst of this planning enthusiasm was the heightened enormously by the great gift of two and a half millions from Mr. Smith. Other gifts iollowed, and Stone & Webster were enabled to begin

the excavation.

eighteen months over seven millions dollars were collected is one of the best proofs of the confidence held by Alumni, Corporation, and others in the ability of President Maclaurin to construct the "White City" as a New Technology on the broad foundations laid out for it by its projector and first president, William Barton

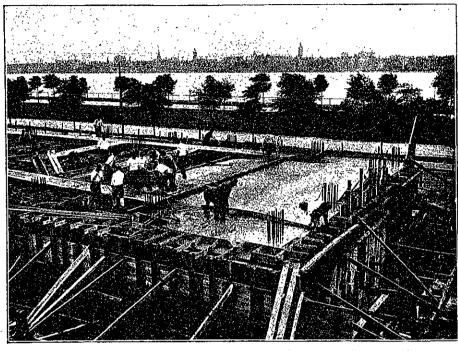
CONSTRUCTION CHART FOR EACH BRANCH

Work Shows Many Interesting Features—Unusual Concrete Tests.

The methods by which Stone & Webster have carried out the construction work of the New Technolo-

end of twenty-eight days. Both samples are taken from the same batch in order to obtain their true relative value. The concrete is poured into iron moulds embedded in moist sand, and resting on a half inch iron plate, is kept in the northeast section of the Site, the maximum and minimum temperatures being recorded daily.

Each specimen is tamped in the



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> Samples are taken from each of the five mixers four times a week, one sample being tested at the end of fourteen days, and the other at the

and only the ordinary precautions are taken. After forty-eight hours, the casts are removed from the moulds and buried in moist sand until the morning before the day of testing. They are then brought to the Institute laboratories, where the test is carried out.

In order to trace out more clearly the various departments of the work compiled a series of progress charts showing the estimated times of the beginning and completion of different construction branches. From a general chart compiled from all of these the following data has been taken:

"By the end of next March all of the window frames of the buildings at present under construction will be in place and two weeks later the brick work is scheduled for completion and all the limestone facing is to be in place.

"The partitions are to be erected during the months of March, April, and May, 1915.

"Four weeks of April and the first week of May are allotted to roofing and sheet metal work.

"The plastering and lathing is to take twelve weeks and be finished by June fifteenth. "All the wood work is to be in by

the first week in July and a week later the painting is to be done. "The installation of hardware is to

take but four weeks and be over one week after the end of the painting. "August first is to mark the finish of the electrical, the plumbing, the

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